

REMARKS

Claims 2, 5, 6, 14, 16, 17, 19, 22 and 23 have been amended, Claims 1, 3-4, 7-13, 15, 18, 20-21 and 24-28 have been cancelled without prejudice, and Claims 29-38 have been added. Accordingly, Claims 2, 5, 6, 14, 16, 17, 19, 22, 23 and 29-38 are pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

The abstract of the disclosure stands objected to because of using claim language. In particular, the Examiner suggests that "comprises" should be changed to "has". The abstract has been amended to change "comprises" to "includes".

Claims 3, 5, 15 and 16, and presumably claim 22, are objected to for informalities. Claims 3 and 15 have been cancelled by this amendment. As to claims 5, 16 and 22, the Examiner suggests changing the phrase "a bubbler attached to the light source" to read "the light source attached to the bubbler". Accordingly, Claims 5, 16 and 22 have been amended to recite that "the light source is attached to the bubbler". Similarly, claims 6, 17 and 23 have been amended to recite that "the light source is attached to the shield".

Claims 5, 6, 16, 17, 22 and 23 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but are indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, Claims 5, 16 and 22, have been rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims and are in condition for

allowance. Claims 6, 17 and 23 are dependent upon claims 5, 16 and 23, respectively, and are believed to be allowable along with respective parent claims.

Claim 2 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by United States Patent No. 6,805,458 to Schindler et al. Claim 2 has been made dependent upon claim 5 which is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Claim 2 is believed to be allowable along with parent Claim 5.

Claim 14 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schindler et al. in view of United States Patent No. 5,217,296 to Tanner et al. Claim 14 has been made dependent upon claim 16 which is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Claim 14 is believed to be allowable along with parent Claim 16.

Claim 19 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schindler et al., Tanner et al. and Cretu-Petra, United States Patent No. RE 37,888. Claim 19 has been made dependent upon claim 22 which is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Claim 19 is believed to be allowable along with parent Claim 22.

New claims 29-38 have been added. Claim 29, which is similar to allowable claim 1, is directed to a liquid dispensing system and distinguishes over Schindler et al., Tanner et al. and Cretu-Petra by reciting a drinking fountain or water cooler for dispensing water from an opening or outlet of the drinking fountain or water cooler; and a light source attached to the drinking fountain or water cooler for illuminating an area in the proximity of the drinking fountain or water cooler. Claim 29 is believed to be patentable over

Schindler et al., Tanner et al. and Cretu-Petra. Support for new independent claim 29 is provided on page 14, line 19 to page 15, line 18, and page 15, lines 6-18, for example, of the specification, figures 8-10 of the drawings, and by claims 1, 6, 18 and 22, for example, as originally filed. Claims 30-33 are dependent upon claim 29 and are believed to be patentable along with claim 29.

Claim 34, which is similar to allowable claim 16, is directed to a liquid dispensing system and distinguishes over Schindler et al., Tanner et al. and Cretu-Petra by reciting a drinking fountain or water cooler for dispensing water from an opening or outlet of the drinking fountain or water cooler; a light source attached to the drinking fountain or water cooler; a sensor; and control logic electrically coupled to the sensor, the control logic responsive to the sensor to activate the light source for illuminating an area in the proximity of outlet of the drinking fountain when the sensor detects the presence of an object in the proximity of the drinking fountain. Support for new independent claim 34 is provided on page 9, line 4 to page 10, line 11, and on page 14, line 19 to page 15, line 18, for example, of the specification, figures 8-10 of the drawings, and by claims 1, 6, 11, 16, 18 and 22, for example, as originally filed. Claims 35-38 are dependent upon claim 34 and are believed to be patentable along with claim 34.

In summary, Claims 5, 6, 16, 17, 22 and 23 are in condition for allowance and Claims 2, 14, 19 and 29-38 are believed to be allowable for the reasons given herein. Accordingly, these claims remain pending following entry of this Amendment, and are

believed to be in condition for allowance at this time. As such, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the present Amendment and reconsideration of the application, with an early and favorable decision being solicited. Should the Examiner believe that the prosecution of the application could be expedited, the Examiner is requested to call Applicant's undersigned representative at the number listed below.

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